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Hello Lumen Christi Academies Families, Staff and Supporters,

**"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible;  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible."  
- St. Francis of Assisi**



***Father Neal's Blessing of the Animals at Queen of All Saints School  
in Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.***

We journey into Autumn, a season that shows us how change can be beautiful. I applaud our students, teachers, principals and families for the positive changes and pivots everyone has made to ensure a safe kick-off to the school year across our network of schools. The health and safety protocols in place, including face coverings and ventilation, have proven to be critical layers of protection for our school communities.

As our schools forge ahead with the 2021 – 22 school year, our Diocesan leadership team continues to monitor health and safety directives from state and county officials. With that in mind, I want to acknowledge Friday's announcement from Governor Gavin Newsom regarding a phased approach

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to COVID-19 vaccination requirements for K – 12 students who attend public and private schools in person. Here is the [Press Release from the Governor's Office regarding School Vaccine Mandates](#).

At this time, the only detail we can confirm is that the mandate for all students ages 12 and older would go into effect July 1, 2022. Our Diocesan leadership team will thoroughly review state requirements in the coming weeks and months. We will continue to keep you all informed as decisions are made.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, flexibility and understanding as we navigate this situation. Know that we will continue to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of our students, staff and families as we center our efforts in Christ and develop the whole person through a collaborative experience that is dynamic, innovative, and accessible to all.

Take care, stay healthy and abundant blessings to you and yours!

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

In Solidarity,

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